

WEAK HOPF ALGEBRAS AND SINGULAR SOLUTIONS OF QUANTUM YANG-BAXTER EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. We investigate a generalization of Hopf algebra $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ by weakening the invertibility of the generator K , i.e. exchanging its invertibility $KK^{-1} = 1$ to the regularity $K\bar{K}K = K$. This leads to a weak Hopf algebra $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and a J -weak Hopf algebra $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ which are studied in detail. It is shown that the monoids of group-like elements of $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ are regular monoids, which supports the general conjecture on the connection between weak Hopf algebras and regular monoids. Moreover, from $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ a quasi-braided weak Hopf algebra \overline{U}_q^w is constructed and it is shown that the corresponding quasi- R -matrix is regular $R^w \hat{R}^w R^w = R^w$.

1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of a weak Hopf algebra as a generalization of a Hopf algebra [21, 1] was introduced in [14] and its characterizations and applications were studied in [16]. A k -bialgebra¹ $H = (H, \mu, \eta, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ is called a *weak Hopf algebra* if there exists $T \in \text{Hom}_k(H, H)$ such that $id * T * id = id$ and $T * id * T = T$ where T is called a *weak antipode* of H . This concept also generalizes the notion of the left and right Hopf algebras [18, 9].

The first aim of this concept is to give a new sub-class of bialgebras which includes all of Hopf algebras such that it is possible to characterize this sub-class through their monoids of all group-like elements [14, 16]. It was known that for every regular monoid S , its semigroup algebra kS over k is a weak Hopf algebra as the generalization of a group algebra [15].

The second aim is to construct some singular solutions of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation (QYBE) and research QYBE in a larger scope. On this hand, in [16] a quantum quasi-double $D(H)$ for a finite dimensional cocommutative perfect weak Hopf algebra with invertible weak antipode was built and it was verified that its quasi- R -matrix is a regular solution of the QYBE. In particular, the quantum quasi-double of a finite Clifford monoid as a generalization of the quantum double of a finite group was derived [16].

In this paper, we will construct two weak Hopf algebras in the other direction as a generalization of the quantum algebra $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ [17, 2]. We show that $w\mathfrak{sl}_2(q)$ possesses a quasi- R -matrix which becomes a singular (in fact, regular) solution of the QYBE, with a parameter q . In this reason, we want to treat the meaning of $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and its quasi- R -matrix just as $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ [20, 12]. It is interesting to note that $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ is a natural and non-trivial example of weak Hopf algebras.

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¹In this paper, k always denotes a field.

2. WEAK QUANTUM ALGEBRAS

For completeness and consistency we remind the definition of the enveloping algebra $U_q = U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$ (see e.g. [12]). Let $q \in \mathbb{C}$ and $q \neq \pm 1, 0$. The algebra U_q is generated by four variables (Chevalley generators) E, F, K, K^{-1} with the relations

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & K^{-1}K = KK^{-1} = 1, \\ (2) \quad & KEK^{-1} = q^2E, \\ (3) \quad & KFK^{-1} = q^{-2}F, \\ (4) \quad & EF - FE = \frac{K - K^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we try to generalize the invertibility condition (1). The first thought is weaken the invertibility to regularity, as it is usually made in semigroup theory [13] (see also [4, 5, 6] for higher regularity). So we will consider such weakening the algebra $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$, in which instead of the set $\{K, K^{-1}\}$ we introduce a pair $\{K_w, \bar{K}_w\}$ by means of the regularity relations

$$(5) \quad K_w \bar{K}_w K_w = K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w K_w \bar{K}_w = \bar{K}_w.$$

If \bar{K}_w satisfying (5) is unique for a given K_w , then it is called *inverse* of K_w (see e.g. [19, 8]). The regularity relations (5) imply that one can introduce the variables

$$(6) \quad J_w = K_w \bar{K}_w, \quad \bar{J}_w = \bar{K}_w K_w.$$

In terms of J_w the regularity conditions (5) are

$$(7) \quad J_w K_w = K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w J_w = \bar{K}_w,$$

$$(8) \quad \bar{J}_w \bar{K}_w = \bar{K}_w, \quad K_w \bar{J}_w = K_w.$$

Since the noncommutativity of generators K_w and \bar{K}_w very much complexifies the generalized construction², we first consider the commutative case and imply in what follow that

$$(9) \quad J_w = \bar{J}_w$$

Let us list some useful properties of J_w which will be needed below. First we note that commutativity of K_w and \bar{K}_w leads to idempotency condition

$$(10) \quad J_w^2 = J_w,$$

which means that J_w is a projector (see e.g. [11]).

Conjecture 1. *In algebras satisfying the regularity conditions (5) there exists as minimum one zero divisor $J_w - 1$.*

Remark 1. In addition with unity 1 we have an idempotent analog of unity J_w which makes the structure of weak algebras more complicated, but simultaneously more interesting.

For any variable X we will define “ J -conjugation” as

$$(11) \quad X_{J_w} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} J_w X J_w$$

²This case will be considered elsewhere.

and the corresponding mapping will be written as $\mathbf{e}_w(X) : X \rightarrow X_{J_w}$. Note that the mapping $\mathbf{e}_w(X)$ is idempotent

$$(12) \quad \mathbf{e}_w^2(X) = \mathbf{e}_w(X).$$

Remark 2. In the invertible case $K_w = K, \overline{K}_w = K^{-1}$ we have $J_w = 1$ and $\mathbf{e}_w(X) = X = \text{id}(X)$ for any X , so $\mathbf{e}_w = \text{id}$.

It is seen from (5) that the generators K_w and \overline{K}_w are stable under “ J_w -conjugation”

$$(13) \quad K_{J_w} = J_w K_w J_w = K_w, \quad \overline{K}_{J_w} = J_w \overline{K}_w J_w = \overline{K}_w.$$

Obviously, for any X

$$(14) \quad K_w X \overline{K}_w = K_w X_{J_w} \overline{K}_w,$$

and for any X and Y

$$(15) \quad K_w X \overline{K}_w = Y \Rightarrow K_w X_{J_w} \overline{K}_w = Y_{J_w},$$

Another definition connected with the idempotent analog of unity J_w is “ J_w -product” for any two elements X and Y , viz.

$$(16) \quad X \odot_{J_w} Y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X J_w Y.$$

Remark 3. From (7) it follows that “ J_w -product” coincides with usual product, if X ends with generators K_w and \overline{K}_w on right side or Y starts with them on left side.

Let $J^{(ij)} = K_w^i \overline{K}_w^j$ then we will need a formula

$$(17) \quad J_w^{(ij)} = K_w^i \overline{K}_w^j = \begin{cases} K_w^{i-j}, & i > j, \\ J_w & i = j, \\ \overline{K}_w^{j-i} & i < j, \end{cases}$$

which follows from the regularity conditions (7). The variables $J^{(ij)}$ satisfy the regularity conditions

$$(18) \quad J_w^{(ij)} J_w^{(ji)} J_w^{(ij)} = J_w^{(ij)}$$

and stable under “ J -conjugation” (11) $J_{w,J_w}^{(ij)} = J_w^{(ij)}$.

The regularity conditions (7) lead to the noncancellativity: for any two elements X and Y the following relations hold valid

$$(19) \quad X = Y \Rightarrow K_w X = K_w Y$$

$$(20) \quad K_w X = K_w Y \not\Rightarrow X = Y$$

$$(21) \quad X = Y \Rightarrow \overline{K}_w X = \overline{K}_w Y$$

$$(22) \quad \overline{K}_w X = \overline{K}_w Y \not\Rightarrow X = Y$$

$$(23) \quad X = Y \Rightarrow X_{J_w} = Y_{J_w},$$

$$(24) \quad X_{J_w} = Y_{J_w} \not\Rightarrow X = Y.$$

The generalization of $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$ by exploiting regularity (5) instead of invertibility (1) can be done in two different ways.

Definition 1. Define $U_q^w = w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ as the algebra generated by the four variables $E_w, F_w, K_w, \overline{K}_w$ with the relations:

$$(25) \quad K_w \overline{K}_w = \overline{K}_w K_w,$$

$$(26) \quad K_w \overline{K}_w K_w = K_w, \quad \overline{K}_w K_w \overline{K}_w = \overline{K}_w,$$

$$(27) \quad K_w E_w = q^2 E_w K_w, \quad \overline{K}_w E_w = q^{-2} E_w \overline{K}_w,$$

$$(28) \quad K_w F_w = q^{-2} F_w K_w, \quad \overline{K}_w F_w = q^2 F_w \overline{K}_w,$$

$$(29) \quad E_w F_w - F_w E_w = \frac{K_w - \overline{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

We call $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ a *weak quantum algebra*.

Definition 2. Define $U_q^v = v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ as the algebra generated by the four variables $E_v, F_v, K_v, \overline{K}_v$ with the relations ($J_v = K_v \overline{K}_v$):

$$(30) \quad K_v \overline{K}_v = \overline{K}_v K_v,$$

$$(31) \quad K_v \overline{K}_v K_v = K_v, \quad \overline{K}_v K_v \overline{K}_v = \overline{K}_v,$$

$$(32) \quad K_v E_v \overline{K}_v = q^2 E_v,$$

$$(33) \quad K_v F_v \overline{K}_v = q^{-2} F_v,$$

$$(34) \quad E_v J_v F_v - F_v J_v E_v = \frac{K_v - \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

We call $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ a *J-weak quantum algebra*.

In these definitions indeed the first two lines (25)–(26) and (30)–(31) are called to generalize the invertibility $KK^{-1} = K^{-1}K = 1$. Each next line (27)–(29) and (32)–(34) generalizes the corresponding line (2)–(4) in two different ways respectively. In the first almost quantum algebra $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ the last relation (29) between E and F generators remains unchanged from $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$, while two EK and FK relations are extended to four ones (27)–(28). In $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$, oppositely, two EK and FK relations remain unchanged from $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ (with $K^{-1} \rightarrow \overline{K}$ substitution only), while the last relation (34) between E and F generators has additional multiplier J_v which role will be clear later. Note that the EK and FK relations (32)–(33) can be written in the following form close to (27)–(28)

$$(35) \quad K_v E_v J_v = q^2 J_v E_v K_v, \quad \overline{K}_v E_v J_v = q^{-2} J_v E_v \overline{K}_v,$$

$$(36) \quad K_v F_v J_v = q^{-2} J_v F_v K_v, \quad \overline{K}_v F_v J_v = q^2 J_v F_v \overline{K}_v.$$

Using (16) and (7) in the case of J_v we can also present the $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ algebra as an algebra with “ J_v -product”

$$(37) \quad K_v \odot_{J_v} \overline{K}_v = \overline{K}_v \odot_{J_v} K_v,$$

$$(38) \quad K_v \odot_{J_v} \overline{K}_v \odot_{J_v} K_v = K_v, \quad \overline{K}_v \odot_{J_v} K_v \odot_{J_v} \overline{K}_v = \overline{K}_v,$$

$$(39) \quad K_v \odot_{J_v} E_v \odot_{J_v} \overline{K}_v = q^2 E_v,$$

$$(40) \quad K_v \odot_{J_v} F_v \odot_{J_v} \overline{K}_v = q^{-2} F_v,$$

$$(41) \quad E_v \odot_{J_v} F_v - F_v \odot_{J_v} E_v = \frac{K_v - \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

Remark 4. Due to (7) the only relation where “ J_w -product” is really plays its role is the last relation (41).

From the following proposition, one can find the connection between $U_q^w = w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$, $U_q^v = v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and the quantum algebra $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$.

Proposition 2. $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)/(J_w - 1) \cong \mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$; $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)/(J_v - 1) \cong \mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$.

Proof. For cancellative K_w and K_v it is obvious. \square

Proposition 3. Quantum algebras $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ possess zero divisors, one of which is³ $(J_{w,v} - 1)$ which annihilates all generators.

Proof. From regularity (26) and (31) it follows $K_{w,v}(J_{w,v} - 1) = 0$ (see also (1)). Multiplying (27) on J_w gives $K_w E_w J_w = q^2 E_w K_w J_w \Rightarrow K_w(E_w \bar{K}_w) K_w = q^2 E_w K_w$. Using second equation in (27) for term in bracket we obtain $K_w(q^2 \bar{K}_w E_w) K_w = q^2 E_w K_w \Rightarrow (J_w - 1) E_w K_w = 0$. For F_w similarly, but using equation (28). By analogy, multiplying (32) on J_v we have $K_v E_v \bar{K}_v K_v \bar{K}_v = q^2 E_v J_v \Rightarrow K_v E_v \bar{K}_v = q^2 E_v J_v \Rightarrow q^2 E_v = q^2 E_v J_v$, and so $E_v(J_v - 1) = 0$. For F_v similarly, but using equation (33). \square

Remark 5. Since $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ is an algebra without zero divisors, some properties of $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ cannot be upgraded to $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$, e.g. the standard theorem of Ore extensions and its proof (see Theorem I.7.1 in [12]).

Remark 6. We conjecture that in U_q^w and U_q^v there are no other than $(J_{w,v} - 1)$ zero divisors which annihilate all generators. In other case thorough analysis of them will be much more complicated and very different from the standard case of non-weak algebras.

We can get some properties of U_q^w and U_q^v as follows.

Lemma 4. The idempotent J_w is in the center of $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$.

Proof. For K_w it follows from (13). Multiplying first equation in (27) on \bar{K}_w we derive $K_w(E_w \bar{K}_w) = q^2 E_w J_w$, and the applying second equation in (27) obtain $E_w J_w = J_w E_w$. For F_w similarly, but using equation (28). \square

Lemma 5. There are unique algebra automorphism ω_w and ω_v of U_q^w and U_q^v respectively such that

$$(42) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega_{w,v}(K_{w,v}) &= \bar{K}_{w,v}, & \omega_{w,v}(\bar{K}_{w,v}) &= K_{w,v}, \\ \omega_{w,v}(E_{w,v}) &= F_{w,v}, & \omega_{w,v}(F_{w,v}) &= E_{w,v}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The proof is obvious, if we note that $\omega_w^2 = \text{id}$ and $\omega_v^2 = \text{id}$. \square

As in case of automorphism ω for $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ [12], the mappings ω_w and ω_v can be called the *weak Cartan automorphisms*.

Remark 7. Note that $\omega_w \neq \omega$ and $\omega_v \neq \omega$ in general case.

The connection between the algebras $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ can be seen from the following

³We denote by $X_{w,v}$ one of the variables X_w or X_v .

Proposition 6. *There exist the following partial algebra morphism $\chi : v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \rightarrow w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ such that*

$$(43) \quad \chi(X) = \mathbf{e}_v(X)$$

or more exactly: generators $X_w^{(v)} = J_v X_v J_v = X_{vJ_v}$ for all $X_v = K_v, \bar{K}_v, E_v, F_v$ satisfy the same relations as X_w (25)–(29).

Proof. Multiplying the equation (32) on K_v we have $K_v E_v \bar{K}_v K_v = q^2 E_v K_v$, and using (7) we obtain $K_v E_v J_v = q^2 E_v J_v K_v \Rightarrow K_v J_v E_v J_v = q^2 J_v E_v J_v K_v$, and so

$$K_v J_v E_v J_v = q^2 E_v J_v K_v J_v$$

which has shape of the first equation in (27). For F_v similarly using equation (33) we obtain

$$K_v J_v F_v J_v = q^{-2} F_v J_v K_v J_v.$$

The equation (34) can be modified using (7) and then applying (11), then we obtain

$$E_v J_v F_v J_v - F_v J_v E_v J_v = \frac{K_v J_v - \bar{K}_v J_v}{q - q^{-1}}$$

which coincides with (29).

For conjugated equations (second ones in (27)–(28)) after multiplication of (32) on \bar{K}_v we have $\bar{K}_v K_v E_v \bar{K}_v = q^2 \bar{K}_v E_v \Rightarrow J_v E_v J_v \bar{K}_v = q^2 \bar{K}_v J_v E_v J_v$ or using definition (11) and (7)

$$\bar{K}_v J_v E_v J_v = q^{-2} E_v J_v \bar{K}_v J_v.$$

By analogy from (33) it follows

$$\bar{K}_v J_v F_v J_v = q^2 F_v J_v \bar{K}_v J_v.$$

□

Note that the generators $X_w^{(v)}$ coincide with X_w if $J_v = 1$ only. Therefore, some (but not all) properties of $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ can be extended on $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ as well, and below we mostly will consider $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ in detail.

Lemma 7. *Let $m \geq 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. The following relations hold in U_q^w :*

$$(44) \quad E_w^m K_w^n = q^{-2mn} K_w^n E_w^m, \quad F_w^m K_w^n = q^{2mn} K_w^n F_w^m,$$

$$(45) \quad E_w^m \bar{K}_w^n = q^{2mn} \bar{K}_w^n E_w^m, \quad F_w^m \bar{K}_w^n = q^{-2mn} \bar{K}_w^n F_w^m,$$

$$(46) \quad [E_w, F_w^m] = [m] F_w^{m-1} \frac{q^{-(m-1)} K_w - q^{m-1} \bar{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} \\ = [m] \frac{q^{m-1} K_w - q^{-(m-1)} \bar{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} F_w^{m-1},$$

$$(47) \quad [E_w^m, F_w] = [m] \frac{q^{-(m-1)} K_w - q^{m-1} \bar{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} E_w^{m-1} \\ = [m] E_w^{m-1} \frac{q^{m-1} K_w - q^{-(m-1)} \bar{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

Proof. The first two relations can be resulted easily from Definition 1. The third one follows by induction using Definition 1 and

$$[E_w, F_w^m] = [E_w, F_w^{m-1}]F_w + F_w^{m-1}[E_w, F_w] = [E_w, F_w^{m-1}]F_w + F_w^{m-1} \frac{K_w - \overline{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

Applying the automorphism ω_w (42) to (46), one gets (47). \square

Note that the commutation relations (44)–(47) coincide with $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ case. For $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ the situation is more complicated, because the equations (32)–(33) cannot be solved under \overline{K}_v due to noncancellativity (see also (19)–(24)). Nevertheless, some analogous relations can be derived. Using the morphism (43) one can conclude that the similar as (44)–(47) relations hold for $X_w^{(v)} = J_v X_v J_v$, from which we obtain for $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$

$$(48) \quad J_v E_v^m K_v^n = q^{-2mn} K_v^n E_v^m J_v, \quad J_v F_v^m K_v^n = q^{2mn} K_v^n F_v^m J_v,$$

$$(49) \quad J_v E_v^m \overline{K}_v^n = q^{2mn} \overline{K}_v^n E_v^m J_v, \quad J_v F_v^m \overline{K}_v^n = q^{-2mn} \overline{K}_v^n F_v^m J_v,$$

$$(50) \quad J_v E_v J_v F_v^m J_v - J_v F_v^m J_v E_v J_v = [m] J_v F_v^{m-1} \frac{q^{-(m-1)} K_v - q^{m-1} \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}}$$

$$= [m] \frac{q^{m-1} K_v - q^{-(m-1)} \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}} F_v^{m-1} J_v,$$

$$(51) \quad J_v E_v^m J_v F_v J_v - J_v F_v J_v E_v^m J_v = [m] \frac{q^{-(m-1)} K_v - q^{m-1} \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}} E_v^{m-1} J_v$$

$$= [m] J_v E_v^{m-1} \frac{q^{m-1} K_v - q^{-(m-1)} \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

It is important to stress that due to noncancellativity of weak algebras we cannot cancel these relations on J_v (see (19)–(24)).

In order to discuss the basis of $U_q^w = w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$, we need to generalize some properties of Ore extensions (see [12]).

3. WEAK ORE EXTENSIONS

Let R be an algebra over k and $R[t]$ be the free left R -module consisting of all polynomials of the form $P = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i$ with coefficients in R . If $a_n \neq 0$, define $\deg(P) = n$; say $\deg(0) = -\infty$. Let α be an algebra morphism of R . An α -derivation of R is a k -linear endomorphism δ of R such that $\delta(ab) = \alpha(a)\delta(b) + \delta(a)b$ for all $a, b \in R$. It follows that $\delta(1) = 0$.

Theorem 8. (i) Assume that $R[t]$ has an algebra structure such that the natural inclusion of R into $R[t]$ is a morphism of algebras and $\deg(PQ) \leq \deg(P) + \deg(Q)$ for any pair (P, Q) of elements of $R[t]$. Then there exists a unique injective algebra endomorphism α of R and a unique α -derivation δ of R such that $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$ for all $a \in R$;

(ii) Conversely, given an algebra endomorphism α of R and an α -derivation δ of R , there exists a unique algebra structure on $R[t]$ such that the inclusion of R into $R[t]$ is an algebra morphism and $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$ for all $a \in R$.

Proof. (i) Take any $0 \neq a \in R$ and consider the product ta . We have $\deg(ta) \leq \deg(t) + \deg(a) = 1$. By the definition of $R[t]$, there exists uniquely determined elements $\alpha(a)$ and $\delta(a)$ of R such that $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$. This defines maps α and

δ in a unique fashion. The left multiplication by t being linear, so are α and δ . Expanding both sides of the equality $(ta)b = t(ab)$ in $R[t]$ using $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$ for $a, b \in R$, we get

$$\alpha(a)\alpha(b)t + \alpha(a)\delta(b) + \delta(a)b = \alpha(ab)t + \delta(ab).$$

It follows that $\alpha(ab) = \alpha(a)\alpha(b)$ and $\delta(ab) = \alpha(a)\delta(b) + \delta(a)b$. And, $\alpha(1)t + \delta(1) = t1 = t$. So, $\alpha(1) = 1$, $\delta(1) = 0$. Therefore, we know that α is an algebra endomorphism and δ is an α -derivation. The uniqueness of α and δ follows from the freeness of $R[t]$ over R .

(ii) We need to construct the multiplication on $R[t]$ as an extension of that on R such that $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$. For this, it needs only to determine the multiplication ta for any $a \in R$.

Let $M = \{(f_{ij})_{i,j \geq 1} : f_{ij} \in \text{End}_k(R)$ and each row and each column has only finitely many $f_{ij} \neq 0\}$ and $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$ is the identity of M .

For $a \in R$, let $\widehat{a} : R \rightarrow R$ satisfying $\widehat{a}(r) = ar$. Then $\widehat{a} \in \text{End}_k(R)$; and for $r \in R$, $(\alpha\widehat{a})(r) = \alpha(ar) = \alpha(a)\alpha(r) = (\widehat{\alpha(a)}\alpha)(r)$, $(\delta\widehat{a})(r) = \delta(ar) = \alpha(a)\delta(r) + \delta(a)r = (\widehat{\alpha(a)}\delta + \widehat{\delta(a)})(r)$, thus $\alpha\widehat{a} = \widehat{\alpha(a)}\alpha$, $\delta\widehat{a} = \widehat{\alpha(a)}\delta + \widehat{\delta(a)}$ in $\text{End}_k(R)$. And, obviously, for $a, b \in R$, $\widehat{ab} = \widehat{a}\widehat{b}$; $\widehat{a+b} = \widehat{a} + \widehat{b}$. \square

Let $T = \begin{pmatrix} \delta & & \\ \alpha & \delta & \\ & \alpha & \ddots \\ & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \in M$ and define $\Phi : R[t] \rightarrow M$ satisfying $\Phi(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i) = \sum_{i=0}^n (\widehat{a_i} I) T^i$. It is seen that Φ is a k -linear map.

Lemma 9. *The map Φ is injective.*

Proof. Let $p = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i$. Assume $\Phi(p) = 0$.

For $e_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0_1 \\ \vdots \\ 0_{i-1} \\ 1_i \\ 0_{i+1} \\ \vdots \\ 0_n \end{pmatrix}$, obviously, $\{e_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ are linear independent. Since $\delta(1) = 0$

and $\alpha(1) = 1$, we have $Te_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0_1 \\ \vdots \\ 0_{i-1} \\ \delta(1)_i \\ \alpha(1)_{i+1} \\ 0_{i+2} \\ \vdots \\ 0_n \end{pmatrix} = e_{i+1}$ and $T^i e_1 = e_{i+1}$ for any $i \geq 0$.

Thus, $0 = \Phi(P)e_1 = \sum_{i=0}^n (\widehat{a}_i I)T^i e_1 = \sum_{i=0}^n \widehat{a}_i e_{i+1}$. It means that $\widehat{a}_i = 0$ for all i , then $a_i = a_i 1 = \widehat{a}_i 1 = 0$. Hence $P = 0$. \square

Lemma 10. *The following relation holds $T(\widehat{a}I) = (\widehat{\alpha(a)}I)T + \widehat{\delta(a)}I$.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. } & \text{We have } T(\widehat{a}I) = \begin{pmatrix} \delta & & & \\ \alpha & \delta & & \\ & \alpha & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{a} & & & \\ & \widehat{a} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \\ & = \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{\alpha(a)}\delta + \widehat{\delta(a)} & & & \\ \widehat{\alpha(a)}\alpha & \widehat{\alpha(a)}\delta + \widehat{\delta(a)} & & \\ & \widehat{\alpha(a)}\alpha & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} = \widehat{\alpha(a)}T + \widehat{\delta(a)}I = (\widehat{\alpha(a)}I)T + \widehat{\delta(a)}I. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we complete the proof of Theorem 8. Let S denote the subalgebra generated by T and $\widehat{a}I$ (all $a \in R$) in M . From Lemma 10, we see that every element of S can be generated linearly by some elements in the form as $(\widehat{a}I)T^n$ ($a \in R$, $n \geq 0$).

But $\Phi(at^n) = (\widehat{a}I)T^n$, so $\Phi(R[t]) = S$, i.e. Φ is surjective. Then by Lemma 9, Φ is bijective. It follows that $R[t]$ and S are linearly isomorphic.

Define $ta = \Phi^{-1}(T(\widehat{a}I))$, then we can extend this formula to define the multiplication of $R[t]$ with $fg = \Phi^{-1}(xy)$ for any $f, g \in R[t]$ and $x = \Phi(f)$, $y = \Phi(g)$. Under this definition, $R[t]$ becomes an algebra and Φ is an algebra isomorphism from $R[t]$ to S . And, $ta = \Phi^{-1}(T(\widehat{a}I)) = \Phi^{-1}((\widehat{\alpha(a)}I)T + \widehat{\delta(a)}I) = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$ for all $a \in R$. Obviously, the inclusion of R into $R[t]$ is an algebra morphism. \square

Remark 8. Note that Theorem 8 can be recognized as a generalization of Theorem I.7.1 in [12], since R does not need to be without zero divisors, α does not need to be injective and only $\deg(PQ) \leq \deg(P) + \deg(Q)$.

Definition 3. We call the algebra constructed from α and δ a *weak Ore extension* of R , denoted as $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$.

Let $S_{n,k}$ be the linear endomorphism of R defined as the sum of all $\binom{n}{k}$ possible compositions of k copies of δ and of $n-k$ copies of α . By induction n , from $ta = \alpha(a)t + \delta(a)$ under the condition of Theorem 8(ii), we get $t^n a = \sum_{k=0}^n S_{n,k}(a)t^{n-k}$ and moreover, $(\sum_{i=0}^n a_i t^i)(\sum_{i=0}^m b_i t^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{n+m} c_i t^i$ where $c_i = \sum_{p=0}^i a_p \sum_{k=0}^p S_{p,k}(b_{i-p+k})$.

Corollary 11. *Under the condition of Theorem 8(ii), the following statements hold:*

- (i) *As a left R -module, $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$ is free with basis $\{t^i\}_{i \geq 0}$;*
- (ii) *If α is an automorphism, then $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$ is also a right free R -module with the same basis $\{t^i\}_{i \geq 0}$.*

Proof. (i) It follows from the fact that $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$ is just $R[t]$ as a left R -module.

(ii) Firstly, we can show that $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta] = \sum_{i \geq 0} t^i R$, i.e. for any $p \in R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$, there are $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in R$ such that $p = \sum_{i=0}^n t^i a_i$. Equivalently, we show by induction on n that for any $b \in R$, bt^n can be in the form $\sum_{i=0}^n t^i a_i$ for some a_i .

When $n = 0$, it is obvious. Suppose that for $n \leq k - 1$ the result holds. Consider the case $n = k$. Since α is surjective, there is $a \in R$ such that $b = \alpha^n(a) = S_{n,0}(a)$. But $t^n a = \sum_{k=0}^n S_{n,k}(a)t^{n-k}$, we get $bt^n = t^n a - \sum_{k=1}^n S_{n,k}(a)t^{n-k} = \sum_{i=0}^n t^i a_i$ by the hypothesis of induction for some a_i with $a_n = a$. For any i and $a, b \in R$, $(t^i a)b = t^i(ab)$ since $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$ is an algebra. Then $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$ is a right R -module.

Suppose $f(t) = t^n a_n + \dots + t a_1 + A_0 = 0$ for $a_i \in R$ and $a_n \neq 0$. Then $f(t)$ can be written as an element of $R[t]$ by the formula $t^n a = \sum_{k=0}^n S_{n,k}(a)t^{n-k}$ whose highest degree term is just that of $t^n a_n = \sum_{k=0}^n S_{n,k}(a_n)t^{n-k}$, i.e. $\alpha^n(a_n)t^n$. From (i), we get $\alpha^n(a_n) = 0$. It implies $a_n = 0$. It is a contradiction. Hence $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$ is a free right R -module. \square

We will need the following:

Lemma 12. *Let R be an algebra, α be an algebra automorphism and δ be an α -derivation of R . If R is a left (resp. right) Noetherian, then so is the weak Ore extension $R_w[t, \alpha, \delta]$.*

The proof can be made as similarly as for Theorem I.8.3 in [12].

Theorem 13. *The algebra $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ is Noetherian with the basis*

$$(52) \quad P_w = \{E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l, E_w^i F_w^j \bar{K}_w^m, E_w^i F_w^j J_w\},$$

where i, j, l are any non-negative integers, m is any positive integer.

Proof. As is well known, the two-variable polynomial algebra $k[K_w, \bar{K}_w]$ is Noetherian (see e.g. [11]). Then $A_0 = k[K_w, \bar{K}_w]/(J_w K_w - K_w, \bar{K}_w J_w - \bar{K}_w)$ is also Noetherian. For any $i, j \geq 0$ and $a, b, c \in k$, if at least one element of a, b, c does not equal 0, $aK_w^i + b\bar{K}_w^j + cJ_w$ is not in the ideal $(J_w K_w - K_w, \bar{K}_w J_w - \bar{K}_w)$ of $k[K_w, \bar{K}_w]$. So, in A_0 , $aK_w^i + b\bar{K}_w^j + cJ_w \neq 0$. It follows that $\{K_w^i, \bar{K}_w^j, J_w : i, j \geq 0\}$ is a basis of A_0 .

Let α_1 satisfies $\alpha_1(K_w) = q^2 K_w$ and $\alpha_1(\bar{K}_w) = q^{-2} \bar{K}_w$. Then α_1 can be extended to an algebra automorphism on A_0 and $A_1 = A_0[F_w, \alpha_1, 0]$ is a weak Ore extension of A_0 from $\alpha = \alpha_1$ and $\delta = 0$. By Corollary 11, A_1 is a free left A_0 -module with basis $\{F_w^j\}_{j \geq 0}$. Thus, A_1 is a k -algebra with basis $\{K_w^l F_w^j, \bar{K}_w^m F_w^j, J_w F_w^j : l$ and j run respectively over all non-negative integers, m runs over all positive integers}. But, from the definition of the weak Ore extension, we have $K_w^l F_w^j = q^{-2lj} F_w^j K_w^l$, $\bar{K}_w^m F_w^j = q^{2mj} F_w^j \bar{K}_w^m$, $J_w F_w^j = F_w^j J_w$. Thus, we can conclude that $\{F_w^j K_w^l, F_w^j \bar{K}_w^m, F_w^j J_w : l$ and j run respectively over all non-negative integers, m runs over all positive integers} is a basis of A_1 .

Let α_2 satisfies $\alpha_2(F_w^j K_w^l) = q^{-2l} F_w^j K_w^l$, $\alpha_2(F_w^j \bar{K}_w^m) = q^{2m} F_w^j \bar{K}_w^m$, $\alpha_2(F_w^j J_w) = F_w^j J_w$. Then α_2 can be extended to an algebra automorphism on A_1 . Let δ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(1) &= \delta(K_w) = \delta(\bar{K}_w) = 0, \\ \delta(F_w^j K_w^l) &= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} F_w^{j-1} \frac{q^{-2i} K_w - q^{2i} \bar{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} K_w^l, \\ \delta(F_w^j \bar{K}_w^l) &= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} F_w^{j-1} \frac{q^{-2i} K_w - q^{2i} \bar{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} \bar{K}_w^l, \\ \delta(F_w^j J_w) &= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} F_w^{j-1} \frac{q^{-2i} K_w - q^{2i} \bar{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}} J_w \end{aligned}$$

for $j > 0$ and $l \geq 0$. Then just as in the proof of Lemma VI.1.5 in [12], it can be shown that δ can be extended to an α_2 -derivation of A_1 such that $A_2 = A_1[E_w, \alpha_2, \delta]$ is a weak Ore extension of A_1 . Then in A_2 ,

$$\begin{aligned} E_w K_w &= \alpha_2(K_w)E_w + \delta(K_w) = q^{-2}K_w E_w, \quad E_w \bar{K}_w = q^2 \bar{K}_w E_w, \\ E_w F_w &= \alpha_2(F_w)E_w + \delta(F_w) = F_w E_w + \frac{K_w - \bar{K}_w}{q - q^{-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

From these, we conclude that $A_2 \cong U_q^w$ as algebras. Thus, from Lemma 12, U_q^w is Noetherian. By Corollary 11, U_q^w is free with basis $\{E_w^i\}_{i \geq 0}$ as a left A_1 -module. Thus, as a k -linear space, U_q^w has the basis $Q_w = \{F_w^j K_w^l E_w^i, F_w^j \bar{K}_w^m E_w^i, F_w^j J_w E_w^i : i, j, l \text{ run over all non-negative integers, } m \text{ runs over all positive integers}\}$. By Lemma 7 any $x \in P_w$ (resp. Q_w) can be k -linearly generated by some elements of Q_w (resp. P_w), and therefore P_w and Q_w generate the same space U_q^w . \square

The similar theorem can be proved for $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ as well.

Theorem 14. *The algebra $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ is Noetherian with the basis*

$$(53) \quad P_v = \{J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j K_v^l, J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j \bar{K}_v^m, J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j J_v\},$$

where i, j, l are any non-negative integers, m is any positive integer.

Proof. The two-variable polynomial algebra $k[K_v, \bar{K}_v]$ is Noetherian (see e.g. [11]). Then $A_0 = k[K_v, \bar{K}_v]/(J_v K_v - K_v, \bar{K}_v J_v - \bar{K}_v)$ is also Noetherian. For any $i, j \geq 0$ and $a, b, c \in k$, if at least one element of a, b, c does not equal 0, $aK_v^i + b\bar{K}_v^j + cJ_v$ is not in the ideal $(J_v K_v - K_v, \bar{K}_v J_v - \bar{K}_v)$ of $k[K_v, \bar{K}_v]$. So, in A_0 , $aK_v^i + b\bar{K}_v^j + cJ_v \neq 0$. It follows that $\{K_v^i, \bar{K}_v^j, J_v : i, j \geq 0\}$ is a basis of A_0 .

Let α_1 satisfies $\alpha_1(K_v) = q^2 K_v$ and $\alpha_1(\bar{K}_v) = q^{-2} \bar{K}_v$. Then α_1 can be extended to an algebra automorphism on A_0 and $A_1 = A_0[J_v F_v J_v, \alpha_1, 0]$ is a weak Ore extension of A_0 from $\alpha = \alpha_1$ and $\delta = 0$. By Corollary 7, A_1 is a free left A_0 -module with basis $\{J_v F_v^j J_v\}_{j \geq 0}$. Thus, A_1 is a k -algebra with basis $\{K_v^l F_v^j J_v, \bar{K}_v^m F_v^j J_v, J_v F_v^j J_v : l \text{ and } j \text{ run respectively over all non-negative integers, } m \text{ runs over all positive integers}\}$. From the definition of the weak Ore extension, we have $K_v^l F_v^j J_v = q^{-2lj} J_v F_v^j K_v^l$, $\bar{K}_v^m F_v^j J_v = q^{2mj} J_v F_v^j \bar{K}_v^m$, $J_v F_v^j = F_v^j J_v$. So, we conclude that $\{F_v^j K_v^l J_v, F_v^j \bar{K}_v^m J_v, J_v F_v^j J_v : l \text{ and } j \text{ run respectively over all non-negative integers, } m \text{ runs over all positive integers}\}$ is a basis of A_1 .

Let α_2 satisfies $\alpha_2(J_v F_v^j K_v^l) = q^{-2l} J_v F_v^j K_v^l$, $\alpha_2(J_v F_v^j \bar{K}_v^m) = q^{2m} J_v F_v^j \bar{K}_v^m$, $\alpha_2(J_v F_v^j J_v) = J_v F_v^j J_v$. Then α_2 can be extended to an algebra automorphism on A_1 . Let δ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(1) &= \delta(K_v) = \delta(\bar{K}_v) = 0, \\ \delta(J_v F_v^j K_v^l) &= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} J_v F_v^{j-i} \frac{q^{-2i} K_v - q^{2i} \bar{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}} K_v^l, \\ \delta(J_v F_v^j \bar{K}_v^l) &= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} J_v F_v^{j-i} \frac{q^{-2i} K_v - q^{2i} \bar{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}} \bar{K}_v^l, \\ \delta(J_v F_v^j J_v) &= \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} J_v F_v^{j-i} \frac{q^{-2i} K_v - q^{2i} \bar{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}} J_v \end{aligned}$$

for $j > 0$ and $l \geq 0$. Then just as in the proof of Lemma VI.1.5 in [12], it can be shown that δ can be extended to an α_2 -derivation of A_1 such that $A_2 = A_1[J_v E_v J_v, \alpha_2, \delta]$ is a weak Ore extension of A_1 . Then in A_2 ,

$$\begin{aligned} J_v E_v K_v &= \alpha_2(K_v) J_v E_v J_v + \delta(K_v) = q^{-2} K_v E_v J_v, \quad J_v E_v \bar{K}_v = q^2 \bar{K}_v E_v J_v, \\ J_v E_v J_v F_v J_v &= \alpha_2(F_v) J_v E_v J_v + \delta(J_v F_v J_v) = J_v F_v J_v E_v J_v + \frac{K_v - \bar{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

From these, we conclude that $A_2 \cong U_q^v$ as algebras. Thus, from Lemma 12, U_q^v is Noetherian. By Corollary 11, U_q^v is free with basis $\{J_v E_v^i J_v\}_{i \geq 0}$ as a left A_1 -module. Thus, as a k -linear space, U_q^v has the basis

$$Q_v = \{J_v F_v^j K_v^l E_v^i J_v, J_v F_v^j \bar{K}_v^m E_v^i J_v, J_v F_v^j J_v E_v^i J_v\},$$

where i, j, l run over all non-negative integers, m runs over all positive integers. By (48)–(51) any $x \in P_v$ (resp. Q_v) can be k -linearly generated by some elements of Q_v (resp. P_v), and therefore P_v and Q_v generate the same space U_q^v . \square

4. EXTENSION TO $q = 1$ CASE

Let us discuss the relation between $U_q^w = w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and $U(\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$. Just like the quantum algebra $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$, we first have to give another presentation for U_q^w .

Let $q \in \mathbb{C}$ and $q \neq \pm 1, 0$. Define $U_q^{w'}$ as the algebra generated by the five variables $E_w, F_w, K_w, \bar{K}_w, L_w$ with the relations (for $U_q^{w'}$ the equations (56) and (57) should be exchanged with (32) and (33) respectively):

$$\begin{aligned} (54) \quad K_w \bar{K}_w &= \bar{K}_w K_w, \\ (55) \quad K_w \bar{K}_w K_w &= K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w K_w \bar{K}_w = \bar{K}_w, \\ (56) \quad K_w E_w &= q^2 E_w K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w E_w = q^{-2} E_w \bar{K}_w, \\ (57) \quad K_w F_w &= q^{-2} F_w K_w, \quad \bar{K}_w F_w = q^2 F_w \bar{K}_w, \\ (58) \quad [L_w, E_w] &= q(E_w K_w + \bar{K}_w E_w), \\ (59) \quad [L_w, F_w] &= -q^{-1}(F_w K_w + \bar{K}_w F_w). \\ (60) \quad E_w F_w - F_w E_w &= L_w, \quad (q - q^{-1}) L_w = (K_w - \bar{K}_w), \end{aligned}$$

For $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ we can similarly define the algebra $U_q^{v'}$

$$\begin{aligned} (61) \quad K_v \bar{K}_v &= \bar{K}_v K_v, \\ (62) \quad K_v \bar{K}_v K_v &= K_v, \quad \bar{K}_v K_v \bar{K}_v = \bar{K}_v, \\ (63) \quad K_v E_v \bar{K}_v &= q^2 E_v, \\ (64) \quad K_v F_v \bar{K}_v &= q^{-2} F_v, \\ (65) \quad L_v J_v E_v - E_v J_v L_v &= q(E_v K_v + \bar{K}_v E_v), \\ (66) \quad L_v J_v F_v - F_v J_v L_v &= -q^{-1}(F_v K_v + \bar{K}_v F_v). \\ (67) \quad E_v J_v F_v - F_v J_v E_v &= L_v, \quad (q - q^{-1}) L_v = (K_v - \bar{K}_v), \end{aligned}$$

Note that contrary to U_q^w and U_q^v , the algebras $U_q^{w'}$ and $U_q^{v'}$ are defined for all invertible values of the parameter q , in particular for $q = 1$.

Proposition 15. *The algebra U_q^w is isomorphic to the algebra $U_q^{w'}$ with φ_w satisfying $\varphi_w(E_w) = E_w$, $\varphi_w(F_w) = F_w$, $\varphi_w(K_w) = K_w$, $\varphi_w(\bar{K}_w) = \bar{K}_w$.*

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Proposition VI.2.1 in [12] for $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$. It suffices to check that φ_w and the map $\psi_w : U_q^{w'} \rightarrow U_q^w$ satisfying $\psi_w(E_w) = E_w$, $\psi_w(F_w) = F_w$, $\psi_w(K_w) = K_w$, $\psi_w(L_w) = [E_w, F_w]$ are reciprocal algebra morphisms. \square

On the otherwise, we can give the following relationship between $U_q^{w'}$ and $U(\mathfrak{sl}(2))$ whose proof is easy.

Proposition 16. *For $q = 1$*

- (i) *the algebra isomorphism $U(\mathfrak{sl}(2)) \cong U_1^{w'}/(K_w - 1)$ holds;*
- (ii) *there exists an injective algebra morphism π from U_1^w to $U(\mathfrak{sl}(2))[K_w]/(K_w^3 - K_w)$ satisfying $\pi(E_w) = XK_w$, $\pi(F_w) = Y$, $\pi(K_w) = K_w$, $\pi(L) = HK_w$.*

Remark 9. In Proposition 16(ii), π is only injective, but not surjective since $K^2 \neq 1$ in $U(\mathfrak{sl}(2))[K]/(K^3 - K)$ and then X does not lie in the image of π .

5. WEAK HOPF ALGEBRAS STRUCTURE

Here we define weak analogs in $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ for the standard Hopf algebra structures Δ, ε, S — comultiplication, counit and antipod, which should be algebra morphisms.

For the weak quantum algebra $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ we define the maps $\Delta_w : w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \rightarrow w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \otimes w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$, $\varepsilon_w : w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \rightarrow k$ and $T_w : w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \rightarrow w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ satisfying respectively

$$(68) \quad \Delta_w(E_w) = 1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w, \quad \Delta(F_w) = F_w \otimes 1 + \overline{K}_w \otimes F_w,$$

$$(69) \quad \Delta_w(K_w) = K_w \otimes K_w, \quad \Delta_w(\overline{K}_w) = \overline{K}_w \otimes \overline{K}_w,$$

$$(70) \quad \varepsilon_w(E_w) = \varepsilon_w(F_w) = 0, \quad \varepsilon_w(K_w) = \varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w) = 1,$$

$$(71) \quad T_w(E_w) = -E_w \overline{K}_w, \quad T_w(F_w) = -K_w F_w, \quad T(K_w) = \overline{K}_w, \quad T_w(\overline{K}_w) = K_w.$$

The difference with the standard case (we follow notations of [12]) is in substitution K^{-1} with \overline{K}_w and the last line, where instead of antipod S the weak antipod T_w is introduced [14].

Proposition 17. *The relations (68)–(71) endow $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ with a bialgebra structure.*

Proof. It can be shown by direct calculation that the following relations hold valid.

$$(72) \quad \Delta_w(K_w)\Delta_w(\overline{K}_w) = \Delta_w(\overline{K}_w)\Delta_w(K_w),$$

$$(73) \quad \Delta_w(K_w)\Delta_w(\overline{K}_w)\Delta_w(K_w) = \Delta_w(K_w),$$

$$(74) \quad \Delta_w(\overline{K}_w)\Delta_w(K_w)\Delta_w(\overline{K}_w) = \Delta_w(\overline{K}_w),$$

$$(75) \quad \Delta_w(K_w)\Delta_w(E_w) = q^2 \Delta_w(E_w)\Delta_w(K_w),$$

$$(76) \quad \Delta_w(\overline{K}_w)\Delta_w(E_w) = q^{-2} \Delta_w(E_w)\Delta_w(\overline{K}_w),$$

$$(77) \quad \Delta_w(K_w)\Delta_w(F_w) = q^{-2} \Delta_w(F_w)\Delta_w(K_w),$$

$$(78) \quad \Delta_w(\overline{K}_w)\Delta_w(F_w) = q^2 \Delta_w(F_w)\Delta_w(\overline{K}_w),$$

$$(79) \quad \Delta_w(E_w)\Delta_w(F_w) - \Delta_w(F_w)\Delta_w(E_w) = \frac{(\Delta_w(K_w) - \Delta_w(\overline{K}_w))}{(q - q^{-1})};$$

$$(80) \quad \varepsilon_w(K_w)\varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w) = \varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w)\varepsilon_w(K_w),$$

$$(81) \quad \varepsilon_w(K_w)\varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w)\varepsilon_w(K_w) = \varepsilon_w(K_w),$$

$$(82) \quad \varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w)\varepsilon_w(K_w)\varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w) = \varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w),$$

$$(83) \quad \varepsilon_w(K_w)\varepsilon_w(E_w) = q^2\varepsilon_w(E_w)\varepsilon_w(K_w),$$

$$(84) \quad \varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w)\varepsilon_w(E_w) = q^{-2}\varepsilon_w(E_w)\varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w),$$

$$(85) \quad \varepsilon_w(K_w)\varepsilon_w(F_w) = q^{-2}\varepsilon_w(F_w)\varepsilon_w(K_w),$$

$$(86) \quad \varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w)\varepsilon_w(F_w) = q^2\varepsilon_w(F_w)\varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w),$$

$$(87) \quad \varepsilon_w(E_w)\varepsilon_w(F_w) - \varepsilon_w(F_w)\varepsilon_w(E_w) = \frac{(\varepsilon_w(K_w) - \varepsilon_w(\overline{K}_w))}{(q - q^{-1})};$$

$$(88) \quad T_w(\overline{K}_w)T_w(K_w) = T_w(K_w)T_w(\overline{K}_w),$$

$$(89) \quad T_w(K_w)T_w(\overline{K}_w)T_w(K_w) = T_w(K_w),$$

$$(90) \quad T_w(\overline{K}_w)T_w(K_w)T_w(\overline{K}_w) = T_w(\overline{K}_w),$$

$$(91) \quad T_w(E_w)T_w(K_w) = q^2T_w(K_w)T_w(E_w),$$

$$(92) \quad T_w(E_w)T_w(\overline{K}_w) = q^{-2}T_w(\overline{K}_w)T_w(K_w),$$

$$(93) \quad T_w(F_w)T_w(K_w) = q^{-2}T_w(K_w)T_w(F_w),$$

$$(94) \quad T_w(F_w)T_w(\overline{K}_w) = q^2T_w(\overline{K}_w)T_w(F_w),$$

$$(95) \quad T_w(F_w)T_w(E_w) - T_w(E_w)T_w(F_w) = \frac{(T_w(K_w) - T_w(\overline{K}_w))}{(q - q^{-1})}.$$

Therefore, through the basis in Theorem 13, Δ and ε_w can be extended to algebra morphisms from $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ to $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \otimes w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and from $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ to k , T_w can be extended to an anti-algebra morphism from $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ to $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ respectively.

Using (72)–(87) it can be shown that

$$(96) \quad (\Delta_w \otimes \text{id})\Delta_w(X) = (\text{id} \otimes \Delta_w)\Delta_w(X),$$

$$(97) \quad (\varepsilon_w \otimes \text{id})\Delta_w(X) = (\text{id} \otimes \varepsilon_w)\Delta_w(X) = X$$

for any $X = E_w, F_w, K_w$ or \overline{K}_w . Let μ_w and η_w be the product and the unit of $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ respectively. Hence $(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2), \mu_w, \eta_w, \Delta_w, \varepsilon_w)$ becomes into a bialgebra. \square

Next we introduce the star product in the bialgebra $(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2), \mu_w, \eta_w, \Delta_w, \varepsilon_w)$ in the similar to the standard way (see e.g. [12])

$$(98) \quad (A \star_w B)(X) = \mu_w [A \otimes B] \Delta_w(X).$$

Proposition 18. T_w satisfies the regularity conditions

$$(99) \quad (\text{id} \star_w T_w \star_w \text{id})(X) = X,$$

$$(100) \quad (T_w \star_w \text{id} \star_w T_w)(X) = T_w(X)$$

for any $X = E_w, F_w, K_w$ or \overline{K}_w . It means that T_w is a weak antipode

Proof. Follows from (72)–(95) by tedious calculations. For $X = K_w, \bar{K}_w$ it is easy, and so we consider $X = E_w$, as an example. We have

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{id} \star_w T_w \star_w \text{id})(E_w) &= \mu_w [(\text{id} \star_w T_w) \otimes \text{id}] \Delta_w(E_w) \\ &= \mu_w [(\text{id} \star_w T_w) \otimes \text{id}] (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w) \\ &= (\text{id} \star_w T_w)(1) \text{id}(E_w) + (\text{id} \star_w T_w)(E_w) \text{id}(K_w) \\ &= \mu_w [\text{id} \otimes T_w] \Delta_w(1) \text{id}(E_w) + \mu_w [\text{id} \otimes T_w] \Delta_w(E_w) \text{id}(K_w) \\ &= \mu_w [\text{id} \otimes T_w] (1 \otimes 1) \text{id}(E_w) + \mu_w [\text{id} \otimes T_w] (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w) \text{id}(K_w) \\ &= T_w(1) \text{id}(E_w) + \text{id}(1) T_w(E_w) \text{id}(K_w) + \text{id}(E_w) T_w(K_w) \text{id}(K_w) \\ &= E_w - E_w \bar{K}_w \cdot K_w + E_w \cdot \bar{K}_w \cdot K_w = E_w = \text{id}(E_w). \end{aligned}$$

By analogy, for (100) and $X = E_w$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (T_w \star_w \text{id} \star_w T_w)(E_w) &= \mu_w [(T_w \star_w \text{id}) \otimes T_w] \Delta_w(E_w) \\ &= \mu_w [(T_w \star_w \text{id}) \otimes T_w] (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w) \\ &= (T_w \star_w \text{id})(1) T_w(E_w) + (T_w \star_w \text{id})(E_w) T_w(K_w) \\ &= \mu_w [T_w \otimes \text{id}] (1 \otimes 1) T_w(1) E_w + \mu_w [T_w \otimes \text{id}] (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w) T_w(K_w) \\ &= T_w(1) T_w(E_w) + T_w(1) \text{id}(E_w) T_w(K_w) + T_w(E_w) \text{id}(K_w) T_w(K_w) \\ &= -E_w \bar{K}_w + E_w \bar{K}_w - E_w \bar{K}_w K_w \bar{K}_w = -E_w \bar{K}_w = T_w(E_w). \end{aligned}$$

□

Corollary 19. *The bialgebra $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ is a weak Hopf algebra with the weak antipode T_w .*

We can get an inner endomorphism as follows.

Proposition 20. *T_w^2 is an inner endomorphism of the algebra $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ satisfying for any $X \in w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$*

$$(101) \quad T_w^2(X) = K_w X \bar{K}_w,$$

especially

$$(102) \quad T_w^2(K_w) = \text{id}(K_w), \quad T_w^2(\bar{K}_w) = \text{id}(\bar{K}_w).$$

Proof. Follows from (71). □

Assume that with the operations $\mu_w, \eta_w, \Delta_w, \varepsilon_w$ the algebra $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ would possess an antipode S so as to become a Hopf algebra, which should satisfy $(S \star_w \text{id})(K_w) = \eta_w \varepsilon_w(K_w)$, and so it should follow that $S(K_w)K_w = 1$. But, it is not possible to hold since $S(K_w)$ can be written as a linearly sum of the basis in Theorem 13. It implies that $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ is impossible to become a Hopf algebra about the operations above.

Corollary 21. *$w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ is an example for a non-commutative and non-cocommutative weak Hopf algebra which is not a Hopf algebra.*

In order to become $U_q^{w'}$ into a weak Hopf algebra, it is enough to define $\Delta_w(E_w), \Delta_w(F_w), \Delta_w(K_w), \Delta_w(\bar{K}_w), \varepsilon_w(E_w), \varepsilon_w(F_w), \varepsilon_w(K_w), \varepsilon_w(\bar{K}_w), T_w(E_w), T_w(F_w), T_w(K_w), T_w(\bar{K}_w)$ just as in $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and define

$$\Delta_w(L_w) = \frac{1}{q - q^{-1}}(K_w \otimes K_w - \bar{K}_w \otimes \bar{K}_w), \quad \varepsilon_w(L_w) = 0, \quad T_w(L_w) = \frac{\bar{K}_w - K_w}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

From Proposition 15 we conclude that $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ is isomorphic to the algebra $U_q^{w'}$ with φ_w . Moreover, one can see easily that φ_w is an isomorphism of weak Hopf algebras from $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ to $U_q^{w'}$.

For J -weak quantum algebra $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ we suppose that some additional J_v should appear even in the definition of comultiplication and antipod. A thorough analysis gives the following nontrivial definitions

$$\begin{aligned}
 (103) \quad & \Delta_v(E_v) = J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v, \\
 (104) \quad & \Delta_v(F_v) = J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v F_v J_v, \\
 (105) \quad & \Delta_v(K_v) = K_v \otimes K_v, \quad \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v) = \overline{K}_v \otimes \overline{K}_v, \\
 (106) \quad & \varepsilon_v(E_v) = \varepsilon_v(F_v) = 0, \quad \varepsilon_v(K_v) = \varepsilon_v(\overline{K}_v) = 1, \\
 (107) \quad & T_v(E_v) = -J_v E_v \overline{K}_v, \quad T_v(F_v) = -K_v F_v J_v, \\
 (108) \quad & T_v(K_v) = \overline{K}_v, \quad T_v(\overline{K}_v) = K_v.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that from (105) it follows that

$$(109) \quad \Delta_v(J_v) = J_v \otimes J_v,$$

and so J_v is a group-like element.

Proposition 22. *The relations (103)–(108) endow $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ with a bialgebra structure.*

Proof. First we should prove that Δ_v defines a morphism of algebras from $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \otimes v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ into $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$. We check that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (110) \quad & \Delta_v(K_v) \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v) = \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v) \Delta_v(K_v), \\
 (111) \quad & \Delta_v(K_v) \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v) \Delta_v(K_v) = \Delta_v(K_v), \\
 (112) \quad & \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v) \Delta_v(K_v) \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v) = \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v), \\
 (113) \quad & \Delta_v(K_v) \Delta_v(E_v) \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v) = q^2 \Delta_v(E_v), \\
 (114) \quad & \Delta_v(K_v) \Delta_v(F_v) \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v) = q^{-2} \Delta_v(F_v), \\
 (115) \quad & \Delta_v(E_v) \Delta_v(J_v) \Delta_v(F_v) - \Delta_v(F_v) \Delta_v(J_v) \Delta_v(E_v) = \frac{\Delta_v(K_v) - \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v)}{q - q^{-1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The relations (110)–(112) are clear from (105). For (113) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_v(K_v) \Delta_v(E_v) \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v) &= (K_v \otimes K_v) (J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) (\overline{K}_v \otimes \overline{K}_v) \\
 &= J_v \otimes K_v E_v \overline{K}_v + K_v E_v \overline{K}_v \otimes K_v \\
 &= q^2 (J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) = q^2 \Delta_v(E_v).
 \end{aligned}$$

Relation (114) is obtained similarly. Next for (115) exploiting (7), (34) and (35)-(36) we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta_v(E_v)\Delta_v(J_v)\Delta_v(F_v) - \Delta_v(F_v)\Delta_v(J_v)\Delta_v(E_v) \\
&= (J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v)(J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v F_v J_v) \\
&\quad - (J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v F_v J_v)(J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) \\
&= J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v - J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v \overline{K}_v \otimes K_v F_v J_v - \overline{K}_v E_v J_v \otimes J_v F_v K_v \\
&\quad + J_v E_v J_v F_v J_v \otimes K_v - J_v F_v J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v F_v J_v - \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v F_v J_v E_v J_v \\
&= J_v(E_v J_v F_v - F_v J_v E_v) J_v \otimes K_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v(E_v J_v F_v - F_v J_v E_v) J_v \\
&= J_v \frac{K_v - \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}} J_v \otimes K_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v \frac{K_v - \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}} J_v = \frac{K_v \otimes K_v - \overline{K}_v \otimes \overline{K}_v}{q - q^{-1}} \\
&= \frac{\Delta_v(K_v) - \Delta_v(\overline{K}_v)}{q - q^{-1}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then we show that $\Delta_v(X)$ is coassociative

$$(116) \quad (\Delta_v \otimes \text{id})\Delta_v(X) = (\text{id} \otimes \Delta_v)\Delta_v(X)$$

Take E as an example. On the one hand

$$\begin{aligned}
(\Delta_v \otimes \text{id})\Delta_v(E) &= (\Delta_v \otimes \text{id})(J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) \\
&= \Delta_v(J_v) \otimes J_v E_v J_v + \Delta_v(J_v)\Delta_v(E)\Delta_v(J_v) \otimes K_v \\
&= J_v \otimes J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v \otimes K_v.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{id} \otimes \Delta_v)\Delta_v(E) &= (\text{id} \otimes \Delta_v)(J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) \\
&= J_v \otimes \Delta_v(J_v)\Delta_v(E)\Delta_v(J_v) + J_v E_v J_v \otimes \Delta_v(K_v) \\
&= J_v \otimes J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v \otimes K_v,
\end{aligned}$$

which coincides with previous.

Proof that the counit ε defines a morphism of algebras from $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ onto k is straightforward and the result has the form

$$(117) \quad \varepsilon_v(K_v)\varepsilon_v(\overline{K}_v) = \varepsilon_v(\overline{K}_v)\varepsilon_v(K_v),$$

$$(118) \quad \varepsilon_v(K_v)\varepsilon_v(\overline{K}_v)\varepsilon_v(K_v) = \varepsilon_v(K_v),$$

$$(119) \quad \varepsilon_v(\overline{K}_v)\varepsilon_v(K_v)\varepsilon_v(\overline{K}_v) = \varepsilon_v(\overline{K}_v),$$

$$(120) \quad \varepsilon_v(K_v)\varepsilon_v(E_v)\varepsilon_v(\overline{K}_v) = q^2\varepsilon_v(E_v),$$

$$(121) \quad \varepsilon_v(K_v)\varepsilon_v(F_v)\varepsilon_v(\overline{K}_v) = q^{-2}\varepsilon_v(F_v),$$

$$(122) \quad \varepsilon_v(E_v)\varepsilon_v(J_v)\varepsilon_v(F_v) - \varepsilon_v(F_v)\varepsilon_v(J_v)\varepsilon_v(E_v) = \frac{\varepsilon_v(K_v) - \varepsilon_v(\overline{K}_v)}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

Moreover, it can be shown that

$$(\varepsilon_v \otimes \text{id})\Delta_v(X) = (\text{id} \otimes \varepsilon_v)\Delta_v(X) = X$$

for $X = E_v, F_v, K_v, \overline{K}_v$.

Further we check that T_v defines an anti-morphism of algebras from $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ to $v\mathfrak{sl}_q^{op}(2)$ as follows

$$(123) \quad T_v(K_v)T_v(\overline{K}_v) = T_v(\overline{K}_v)T_v(K_v),$$

$$(124) \quad T_v(K_v)T_v(\overline{K}_v)T_v(K_v) = T_v(K_v),$$

$$(125) \quad T_v(\overline{K}_v)T_v(K_v)T_v(\overline{K}_v) = T_v(\overline{K}_v),$$

$$(126) \quad T_v(\overline{K}_v)T_v(E_v)T_v(K_v) = q^2 T_v(E_v),$$

$$(127) \quad T_v(\overline{K}_v)T_v(F_v)T_v(K_v) = q^{-2} T_v(F_v),$$

$$(128) \quad T_v(F_v)T_v(J_v)T_v(E_v) - T_v(E_v)T_v(J_v)T_v(F_v) = \frac{T_v(K_v) - T_v(\overline{K}_v)}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

The first three relations are obvious. For (126) using (107) and (35) we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_v(\overline{K}_v)T_v(E_v)T_v(K_v) &= K_v(-J_v E_v \overline{K}_v) \overline{K}_v = -q^2 K_v(-\overline{K}_v E_v J_v) \overline{K}_v \\ &= -q^2 J_v E_v J_v \overline{K}_v = q^2 J_v E_v \overline{K}_v = q^2 T_v(E_v). \end{aligned}$$

For last relation (128) using (35)–(36) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &T_v(F_v)T_v(J_v)T_v(E_v) - T_v(E_v)T_v(J_v)T_v(F_v) \\ &= (K_v F_v J_v) J_v (-J_v E_v \overline{K}_v) - (-J_v E_v \overline{K}_v) J_v (K_v F_v J_v) \\ &= J_v (F_v J_v E_v - E_v J_v F_v) J_v = J_v \frac{\overline{K}_v - K_v}{q - q^{-1}} J_v = \frac{T_v(K_v) - T_v(\overline{K}_v)}{q - q^{-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we conclude that $(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2), \mu_v, \eta_v, \Delta_v, T_v)$ has a structure of a bialgebra. \square

The following property of T_v is crucial for understanding the structure of the bialgebra $(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2), \mu_v, \eta_v, \Delta_v, T_v)$.

Proposition 23. *For any $X \in v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ we have (cf. (101)–(102))*

$$(129) \quad T_v^2(K_v) = \mathbf{e}_v(K_v), \quad T_v^2(\overline{K}_v) = \mathbf{e}_v(\overline{K}_v),$$

$$(130) \quad T_v^2(E_v) = K_v E_v \overline{K}_v, \quad T_v^2(F_v) = K_v F_v \overline{K}_v,$$

where $\mathbf{e}_v(X)$ is defined in (11).

Proof. Follows from (7) and (107)–(108). As an example for E_v we have $T_v^2(E_v) = T_v(-J_v E_v \overline{K}_v) = -T_v(\overline{K}_v) T_v(E_v) T_v(J_v) = K_v(J_v E_v \overline{K}_v) J_v = K_v E_v \overline{K}_v$. \square

The star product in $(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2), \mu_v, \eta_v, \Delta_v, T_v)$ has the form

$$(131) \quad (A \star_v B)(X) = \mu_v[A \otimes B] \Delta_v(X).$$

Proposition 24. *T_v satisfies the regularity conditions*

$$(132) \quad (\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v)(X) = \mathbf{e}_v(X),$$

$$(133) \quad (T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v)(X) = T_v(X)$$

for any $X = E_v, F_v, K_v$ or \overline{K}_v .

Proof. Follows from (103)–(108) and (131). For $X = K_v, \overline{K}_v$ it is easy, and so we consider $X = E_v$, as an example. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v)(E_v) &= \mu_v [(\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v) \otimes \mathbf{e}_v] \Delta_v(E_v) \\
&= \mu_v [(\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v) \otimes \mathbf{e}_v] (J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) \\
&= (\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v) (J_v) \mathbf{e}_v (J_v E_v J_v) + (\mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v) (J_v E_v J_v) \mathbf{e}_v (K_v) \\
&= \mu_v [\mathbf{e}_v \otimes T_v] \Delta_v(J_v) \mathbf{e}_v (J_v E_v J_v) + \mu_v [\mathbf{e}_v \otimes T_v] \Delta_v(E_v) \mathbf{e}_v (K_v) \\
&= \mu_v [\mathbf{e}_v \otimes T_v] (J_v \otimes J_v) \mathbf{e}_v (E_v) + \mu_v [\mathbf{e}_v \otimes T_v] (J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) \mathbf{e}_v (K_v) \\
&= \mathbf{e}_v (J_v) T_v (J_v) \mathbf{e}_v (E_v) + \mathbf{e}_v (J_v) T_v (J_v E_v J_v) \mathbf{e}_v (K_v) + \mathbf{e}_v (E_v) T_v (K_v) \mathbf{e}_v (K_v) \\
&= J_v \cdot J_v \cdot J_v E_v J_v - J_v \cdot J_v J_v E_v \overline{K}_v \cdot J_v K_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \cdot \overline{K}_v \cdot J_v K_v J_v \\
&= J_v E_v J_v = \mathbf{e}_v (E_v).
\end{aligned}$$

By analogy, for (133) and $X = E_v$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v \star_v T_v)(E_v) &= \mu_v [(T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v) \otimes T_v] \Delta_v(E_v) \\
&= \mu_v [(T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v) \otimes T_v] (J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) \\
&= (T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v) (J_v) T_v (J_v E_v J_v) + (T_v \star_v \mathbf{e}_v) (E_v) T_v (K_v) \\
&= \mu_v [T_v \otimes \mathbf{e}_v] (J_v \otimes J_v) T_v (J_v E_v J_v) \\
&\quad + \mu_v [T_v \otimes \mathbf{e}_v] (J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v) T_v (K_v) \\
&= T_v (J_v) \mathbf{e}_v (J_v) T_v (J_v E_v J_v) + T_v (J_v) \mathbf{e}_v (J_v E_v J_v) T_v (K_v) \\
&\quad + T_v (J_v E_v J_v) \mathbf{e}_v (K_v) T_v (K_v) = -J_v \cdot J_v \cdot J_v (J_v E_v \overline{K}_v) J_v + J_v \cdot J_v E_v J_v \cdot \overline{K}_v \\
&\quad - J_v (J_v E_v \overline{K}_v) J_v \cdot J_v K_v J_v \cdot \overline{K}_v = -J_v E_v \overline{K}_v = T_v(E_v).
\end{aligned}$$

□

From (132)–(133) it follows that $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ is not a weak Hopf algebra in the definition of [14]. So we will call it *J-weak Hopf algebra* and T_v a *J-weak antipode*. As it is seen from (99)–(100) and (132)–(133) the difference between them is in the exchange id with \mathbf{e}_v .

Remark 10. The variable \mathbf{e}_v can be treated as $n = 2$ example of the “tower identity” $e_{\alpha\beta}^{(n)}$ introduced for semisupermanifolds in [3, 4] or the “obstructor” $\mathbf{e}_X^{(n)}$ for general mappings, categories and Yang-Baxter equation in [5, 6, 7].

Comparing (68)–(71) with (103)–(108) we conclude that the connection of $\Delta_w, T_w, \varepsilon_w$ and $\Delta_v, T_v, \varepsilon_v$ can be written in the following way

$$(134) \quad \Delta_v(X) = \Delta_w(\mathbf{e}_v(X)),$$

$$(135) \quad T_v(X) = T_w(\mathbf{e}_v(X)),$$

$$(136) \quad \varepsilon_v(X) = \varepsilon_w(\mathbf{e}_v(X)),$$

which means that additionally to the partially algebra morphism (43) there exists a partial coalgebra morphism which is described by (134)–(136).

6. GROUP-LIKE ELEMENTS

Now, we discuss the set $G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$ of all group-like elements of $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$. As is well-known (see e.g. [10]) a semigroup S is called an inverse semigroup if for every $x \in S$, there exists a unique $y \in S$ such that $xyx = x$ and $yxy = y$, and a monoid is a semigroup with identity. We will show the following

Proposition 25. *The set of all group-like elements $G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)) = \{J^{(ij)} = K_w^i \overline{K}_w^j : i, j \text{ run over all non-negative integers}\}$, which forms a regular monoid under the multiplication of $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$.*

Proof. Suppose $x \in w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ is a group-like element, i.e. $\Delta_w(x) = x \otimes x$. By Theorem 13, x can be written as $x = \sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l + \beta_{ijm} E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m + \gamma_{ij} E_w^i F_w^j J_w$. Here and in the sequel, every α, β and γ with subscripts is in the field k and does not equal zero. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_w(x) &= \sum_{i,j,l,m} [\alpha_{ijl} \Delta_w(E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l) + \Delta_w(\beta_{ijm} E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m) + \Delta_w(\gamma_{ij} E_w^i F_w^j J_w)] \\ &= \sum_{i,j,l,m} [\alpha_{ijl} (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w)^i (F_w \otimes 1 + \overline{K}_w \otimes F_w)^j (K_w \otimes K_w)^l \\ &\quad + \beta_{ijm} (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w)^i (F_w \otimes 1 + \overline{K}_w \otimes F_w)^j (\overline{K}_w \otimes \overline{K}_w)^m \\ &\quad + \gamma_{ij} (1 \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w)^i (F_w \otimes 1 + \overline{K}_w \otimes F_w)^j J_w]; \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} x \otimes x &= \left(\sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l + \beta_{ijm} E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m + \gamma_{ij} E_w^i F_w^j J_w \right) \\ &\quad \otimes \left(\sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l + \beta_{ijm} E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m + \gamma_{ij} E_w^i F_w^j J_w \right). \end{aligned}$$

It is seen that if $i \neq 0$ or $j \neq 0$, $\Delta_w(x)$ is impossible to equal $x \otimes x$. So, $i = 0$ and $j = 0$. We get $x = \sum_{l,m} \alpha_l K_w^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_w^m + J_w$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_w(x) &= \sum_{l,m} [\alpha_l K_w^l \otimes K_w^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_w^m \otimes \overline{K}_w^m + J_w \otimes J_w]; \\ x \otimes x &= \sum_{l,l',m,m'} [\alpha_l \alpha_{l'} K_w^l \otimes K_w^{l'} + \alpha_l \beta_{m'} K_w^l \otimes \overline{K}_w^{m'} + \alpha_l K_w^l \otimes J_w \\ &\quad + \alpha_{l'} \beta_m \overline{K}_w^m \otimes K_w^{l'} + \beta_m \beta_{m'} \overline{K}_w^m \otimes \overline{K}_w^{m'} + \beta_m \overline{K}_w^m \otimes J_w \\ &\quad + \alpha_{l'} J_w \otimes K_w^{l'} + \beta_{m'} J_w \otimes \overline{K}_w^{m'} + J_w \otimes J_w]. \end{aligned}$$

If there exists $l \neq l'$, then $x \otimes x$ possesses the monomial $K_w^l \otimes K_w^{l'}$, which does not appear in $\Delta_w(x)$. It contradicts to $\Delta_w(x) = x \otimes x$. Hence we have only a unique l . Similarly, there exists a unique m . Thus $x = \alpha_l K_w^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_w^m + J_w$. Moreover, it is easy to see that $\alpha_l K_w^l$, $\beta_m \overline{K}_w^m$ and J_w can not appear simultaneously in the expression of x . Therefore, we conclude that $x = \alpha_l K_w^l$, $\beta_m \overline{K}_w^m$ or J_w (no summation) and we have

$$(137) \quad \Delta_w(J_w^{(ij)}) = J_w^{(ij)} \otimes J_w^{(ij)}.$$

It follows that $G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)) = \{J_w^{(ij)} = K_w^i \overline{K}_w^j : i, j \text{ run over all non-negative integers}\}$.

For any $J^{(ij)} = K_w^i \overline{K}_w^j \in G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$, one can find $J^{(ji)} = K_w^j \overline{K}_w^i \in G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$ such that the regularity (18) takes place $J_w^{(ij)} J_w^{(ji)} J_w^{(ij)} = J_w^{(ij)}$, which means that $G(w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$ forms a regular monoid under the multiplication of $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$. \square

For $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ we have a similar statement.

Proposition 26. *The set of all group-like elements $G(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)) = \{J_v^{(ij)} = K_v^i \overline{K}_v^j : i, j \text{ run over all non-negative integers}\}$, which forms a regular monoid under the multiplication of $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$.*

Proof. Suppose $x \in v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ is a group-like element, i.e. $\Delta_v(x) = x \otimes x$. By Theorem 14, x can be written as $x = \sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j K_v^l + \beta_{ijm} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j \overline{K}_v^m + \gamma_{ij} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j J_v$. Here and in the sequel, every α, β and γ with subscripts is in the field k and does not equal zero. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_v(x) &= \sum_{i,j,l,m} [\alpha_{ijl} \Delta_v(J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j K_v^l) \\ &\quad + \Delta_v(\beta_{ijm} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j \overline{K}_v^m) + \Delta_v(\gamma_{ij} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j J_v)] \\ &= \sum_{i,j,l,m} [\alpha_{ijl} (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v)^i \\ &\quad \times (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v F_v J_v)^j (K_v \otimes K_v)^l \\ &\quad + \beta_{ijm} (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v)^i \\ &\quad \times (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v F_v J_v)^j (\overline{K}_v \otimes \overline{K}_v)^m \\ &\quad + \gamma_{ij} (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v \otimes J_v E_v J_v + J_v E_v J_v \otimes K_v)^i \\ &\quad \times (J_v \otimes J_v)(J_v F_v J_v \otimes J_v + \overline{K}_v \otimes J_v F_v J_v)^j J_v]; \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} x \otimes x &= \left(\sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j K_v^l + \beta_{ijm} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j \overline{K}_v^m + \gamma_{ij} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j J_v \right) \\ &\quad \otimes \left(\sum_{i,j,l,m} \alpha_{ijl} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j K_v^l + \beta_{ijm} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j \overline{K}_v^m + \gamma_{ij} J_v E_v^i J_v F_v^j J_v \right). \end{aligned}$$

It is seen that if $i \neq 0$ or $j \neq 0$, $\Delta_v(x)$ is impossible to equal $x \otimes x$. So, $i = 0$ and $j = 0$. We get $x = \sum_{l,m} \alpha_l K_v^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_v^m + J_v$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_v(x) &= \sum_{l,m} [\alpha_l K_v^l \otimes K_v^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_v^m \otimes \overline{K}_v^m + J_v \otimes J_v]; \\ x \otimes x &= \sum_{l,l',m,m'} [\alpha_l \alpha_{l'} K_v^l \otimes K_v^{l'} + \alpha_l \beta_{m'} K_v^l \otimes \overline{K}_v^{m'} + \alpha_l K_v^l \otimes J_v \\ &\quad + \alpha_{l'} \beta_m \overline{K}_v^m \otimes K_v^{l'} + \beta_m \beta_{m'} \overline{K}_v^m \otimes \overline{K}_v^{m'} + \beta_m \overline{K}_v^m \otimes J_v \\ &\quad + \alpha_{l'} J_v \otimes K_v^{l'} + \beta_{m'} J_v \otimes \overline{K}_v^{m'} + J_v \otimes J_v]. \end{aligned}$$

If there exists $l \neq l'$, then $x \otimes x$ possesses the monomial $K_v^l \otimes K_v^{l'}$, which does not appear in $\Delta_v(x)$. It contradicts to $\Delta_v(x) = x \otimes x$. Hence we have only a unique l . Similarly, there exists a unique m . Thus $x = \alpha_l K_v^l + \beta_m \overline{K}_v^m + J_v$. Moreover, it is easy to see that $\alpha_l K_v^l$, $\beta_m \overline{K}_v^m$ and J_v can not appear simultaneously in the expression of x . Therefore, we conclude that $x = \alpha_l K_v^l$, $\beta_m \overline{K}_v^m$ or J_v (no summation) and we have

$$(138) \quad \Delta_v(J_v^{(ij)}) = J_v^{(ij)} \otimes J_v^{(ij)}.$$

It follows that $G(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)) = \{J_v^{(ij)} = K_v^i \overline{K}_v^j : i, j \text{ run over all non-negative integers}\}$.

For any $J_v^{(ij)} = K_v^i \overline{K}_v^j \in G(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$, one can find $J_v^{(ji)} = K_v^j \overline{K}_v^i \in G(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$ such that the regularity (18) takes place $J_v^{(ij)} J_v^{(ji)} J_v^{(ij)} = J_v^{(ij)}$, which means that $G(v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2))$ forms a regular monoid under the multiplication of $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$. \square

These results show that $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ are examples of a weak Hopf algebra whose monoid of all group-like elements is a regular monoid. It incarnates further the corresponding relationship between weak Hopf algebras and regular monoids [15].

7. REGULAR QUASI- R -MATRIX

From Proposition 2 we have seen that $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)/(J_w - 1) = \mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$. Now, we give another relationship between $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ and $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ so as to construct a non-invertible universal R^w -matrix from $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$.

Theorem 27. *$w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ possesses an ideal W and a sub-algebra Y satisfying $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) = Y \oplus W$ and $W \cong \mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ as Hopf algebras.*

Proof. Let W be the linear sub-space generated by $\{E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l, E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m, E_w^i F_w^j J_w : \text{for all } i \geq 0, j \geq 0, l > 0 \text{ and } m > 0\}$, and Y is the linear sub-space generated by $\{E_w^i F_w^j : i \geq 0, j \geq 0\}$. It is easy to see that $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) = Y \oplus W$; $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)Ww\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \subseteq W$, thus, W is an ideal; and, Y is a sub-algebra of $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$. Note that the identity of W is J_w . Moreover, W is a Hopf algebra with the unit J_w , the comultiplication Δ_w^W satisfying

$$(139) \quad \Delta_w^W(E_w) = J_w \otimes E_w + E_w \otimes K_w,$$

$$(140) \quad \Delta_w^W(F_w) = F_w \otimes J_w + \overline{K}_w \otimes F_w,$$

$$(141) \quad \Delta_w^W(K_w) = K_w \otimes K_w, \quad \Delta_w^W(\overline{K}_w) = \overline{K}_w \otimes \overline{K}_w$$

and the same counit, multiplication and antipode as in $w\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$. Let ρ be the algebra morphism from $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ to W satisfying $\rho(E) = E_w$, $\rho(F) = F_w$, $\rho(K) = K_w$ and $\rho(K^{-1}) = \overline{K}_w$. Then ρ is, in fact, a Hopf algebra isomorphism since $\{E_w^i F_w^j K_w^l, E_w^i F_w^j \overline{K}_w^m, E_w^i F_w^j J_w : \text{for all } i \geq 0, j \geq 0, l > 0 \text{ and } m > 0\}$ is a basis of W by Theorem 13. \square

Let us assume here that q is a root of unity of order d in the field k where d is an odd integer and $d > 1$.

Set $I = (E_w^d, F_w^d, K_w^d - J_w)$ the two-sided ideal of U_q^w generated by $E_w^d, F_w^d, K_w^d - J_w$. Define the algebra $\overline{U}_q^w = U_q^w/I$.

Remark 11. Note that $\overline{K}_w^d = J_w$ in $\overline{U}_q^w = U_q^w/I$ since $K_w^d = J_w$.

It is easy to prove that I is also a coideal of U_q and $T_w(I) \subseteq I$. Then I is a weak Hopf ideal. It follows that \overline{U}_q^w has a unique weak Hopf algebra structure such that the natural morphism is a weak Hopf algebra morphism, so the comultiplication, the counit and the weak antipode of \overline{U}_q^w are determined by the same formulas with U_q^w . We will show that \overline{U}_q^w is a quasi-braided weak Hopf algebra. As a generalization of a braided bialgebra and R -matrix we have the following definitions [14].

Definition 4. Let in a k -linear space H there are k -linear maps $\mu : H \otimes H \rightarrow H$, $\eta : k \rightarrow H$, $\Delta : H \rightarrow H \otimes H$, $\varepsilon : H \rightarrow k$ such that (H, μ, η) is a k -algebra and (H, Δ, ε)

is a k -coalgebra. We call H an *almost bialgebra*, if Δ is a k -algebra morphism, i.e. $\Delta(xy) = \Delta(x)\Delta(y)$ for every $x, y \in H$.

Definition 5. An almost bialgebra $H = (H, \mu, \eta, \Delta, \varepsilon)$ is called *quasi-braided*, if there exists an element R of the algebra $H \otimes H$ satisfying

$$(142) \quad \Delta^{op}(x)R = R\Delta(x)$$

for all $x \in H$ and

$$(143) \quad (\Delta \otimes \text{id}_H)(R) = R_{13}R_{23},$$

$$(144) \quad (\text{id}_H \otimes \Delta)(R) = R_{13}R_{12}.$$

Such R is called a *quasi-R-matrix*.

By Theorem 27, we have $\overline{U}_q^w = U_q^w/I = Y/I \oplus W/I \cong Y/(E_w^d, F_w^d) \oplus \widetilde{U}_q$ where $\widetilde{U}_q = \mathfrak{sl}_q(2)/(E_w^d, F_w^d, K^d - 1)$ is a finite Hopf algebra. We know in [12] that the sub-algebra \widetilde{B}_q of \widetilde{U}_q generated by $\{E_w^m K_w^n : 0 \leq m, n \leq d-1\}$ is a finite dimensional Hopf sub-algebra and \widetilde{U}_q is a braided Hopf algebra as a quotient of the quantum double of \widetilde{B}_q . The R -matrix of \widetilde{U}_q is

$$\widetilde{R} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{0 \leq i, j, k \leq d-1} \frac{(q - q^{-1})^k}{[k]!} q^{k(k-1)/2 + 2k(i-j) - 2ij} E_w^k K_w^i \otimes F_w^k K_w^j.$$

Since $\mathfrak{sl}_q(2) \xrightarrow{\rho} W$ was Hopf algebras and $(E_w^d, F_w^d, K^d - 1) \xrightarrow{\rho} I$, we get $\widetilde{U}_q \cong W/I$ as Hopf algebras under the induced morphism of ρ . Then W/I is a braided Hopf algebra with a R -matrix

$$R^w = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq d-1; 1 \leq i, j \leq d} \frac{(q - q^{-1})^k}{[k]!} q^{k(k-1)/2 + 2k(i-j) - 2ij} E_w^k K_w^i \otimes F_w^k K_w^j.$$

Because the identity of W/I is J_w , there exists the inverse \hat{R}^w of R^w such that $\hat{R}^w R^w = R^w \hat{R}^w = J_w$. Then we have

$$(145) \quad R^w \hat{R}^w R^w = R^w,$$

$$(146) \quad \hat{R}^w R^w \hat{R}^w = \hat{R}^w,$$

which shows that this R -matrix is regular in \overline{U}_q . It obeys the following relations

$$(147) \quad \Delta_w^{op}(x)R^w = R^w \Delta_w(x)$$

for any $x \in W/I$ and

$$(148) \quad (\Delta_w \otimes \text{id})(R^w) = R_{13}^w R_{23}^w$$

$$(149) \quad (\text{id} \otimes \Delta_w)(R^w) = R_{13}^w R_{12}^w$$

which are also satisfied in \overline{U}_q . Therefore R^w is a von Neumann's regular quasi- R -matrix of \overline{U}_q . So, we get the following

Theorem 28. \overline{U}_q is a quasi-braided weak Hopf algebra with

$$R^w = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq d-1; 1 \leq i, j \leq d} \frac{(q - q^{-1})^k}{[k]!} q^{k(k-1)/2 + 2k(i-j) - 2ij} E_w^k K_w^i \otimes F_w^k K_w^j$$

as its quasi-R-matrix, which is regular.

The quasi-R-matrix from J -weak Hopf algebra $v\mathfrak{sl}_q(2)$ has more complicated structure and will be considered elsewhere.

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